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Moulding, Millwork

New Langford Mill Will Employ 200

Zoning Plan Asked

Plans for a several hundred thousand dollar moulding and millwork plant at Langford on Jacklin Road were announced last night by Peter Brotherston, president of Van-Isle Moulding and Millwork Ltd.

He said the plant would give much-needed steady employment to 70 persons immediately and eventually would provide steady jobs for 200 persons.

NO RESTRICTIONS

The plan is contingent on having the property zoned by the provincial regional planning board as an industrial regulated area. Although there are no building restrictions or zoning in Langford now, Mr. Brotherston said he wishes the area zoned for manufacturing so there will be nothing to stop future expansion.

Zoning could create a new badly-needed industrial area for Greater Victoria business expansion.

SUPPORT PROMISED

T. R. Edwards, chairman of the industrial development group of the Colwood and District Chamber of Commerce, said his group will support the zoning plan and the plans to bring industry to Langford.

"We want it zoned so that undesirable industries will not be attracted," he said. "Any industry wishing to locate in the zoned area would have to get provincial government approval first."

PUBLIC MEETING

Officials of the regional planning board said yesterday a public meeting will be held before any rezoning is undertaken.

Last attempt to bring regulations to Langford was strongly protested by residents, but it was more of an attempt to bring in regulations restricting industry and home building rather than zoning to attract industry.

NEW INDUSTRY

Herbert Bruch, MLA for the district, has been working for some time to attract new industry to the area, and the proposed new plant has occupied a great deal of his time.

"It is an opportunity Langford and the chamber have sought for a long time," he said last night. "The area needs industrial development and small industries."

FOUR ACRES

The moulding plant would be located on about four acres on Jacklin Road beside the existing Rock Gas plant and adjacent to the E & N Railway. The property would be leased from the CPR.

It is thought likely that when zoning is considered a larger area along the railway line will be studied for industrial zoning so that other light industries may locate there.

40 MEN

Van-Isle Moulding and Millwork Ltd. now has a plant at Elk Lake employing 40 men. Mr. Brotherston said it is necessary to expand because of a big increase in export business.

The firm specializes in mouldings and finish specified lumber materials for re-manufacturing.

Mr. Edwards said the chamber of commerce "is satisfied this new industry could be a sparkplug for what this area needs—new industries.

No Fatalities

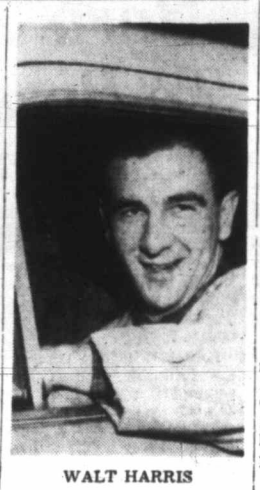
Drivers Take A Bow!

Motor Vehicle Branch officials had a pat on the back for year-end motorists yesterday.

There were no fatal accidents from Dec. 26 to the end of the year, which deputy superintendent Ray Hadfield termed "a very commendable situation."

Final fatality figure for 1958 was 280, far below the record of 316.

The motor-vehicle branch reported that car registrations passed the 500,000 mark in B.C. in December and now stands at 500,500. It is expected there will be 520,000 registered vehicles on B.C. highways by the end of this year.



WALT HARRIS

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Seen In Passing

Walt Harris out for a drive and remarking how happy he was that the snow had melted leaving the streets clear. (He is a well-known hockey and lacrosse player. He played lacrosse for the Mann Cup winning New Westminster Salmonbellies and now plays hockey for the Vics. In the past he played hockey for Flin Flon and Port Arthur. He is single and 29.) . . . **Richard Roberts** borrowing a sled to help him deliver papers on his new Colonist route . . . **Alice Jones** painting in her spare time . . . **Jennie Shypanski** beating her friends in canasta . . . **Nellie Cuthbert** bringing whipped cream to a customer . . . **W. S. Fawcett** trying to figure out the identity of the Good Samaritan who shovelled snow from his sidewalks on Monday.

Title Hers Now

The wife of the mayor is the mayoress, and doesn't have to be appointed.

That opinion came yesterday from the town clerk of Manchester, Philip S. Dingle, in a letter to the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. It coincided with the views of several aldermen, expressed recently in reply to suggestions that Mrs. Percy B. Scurrah be made mayoress.

A mayoress, Mr. Dingle said, was not appointed under any special act, but "merely assumes the style of mayoress from the time her mayor is elected to his office."

Dredging to Start For New Ferry

Dredging probably will begin next week for the new $300,000 federal government ferry wharf at Sidney, an official of Pacific Piledriving Co. Ltd. said yesterday.

The wharf is to be built by the government for joint use by the Washington State Ferries' service between Sidney and Anacortes and the new B.C. government ferry service to the mainland.

Thomas Blackwood, Pacific Piledriving manager, said driving of piles for the new wharf at the foot of Ocean Avenue probably will begin "in the latter part of this month."

Manslaughter Hearing Date Not Yet Set

No date has so far been set for the preliminary hearing on a charge of manslaughter against a Central Saanich man arising out of the death Dec. 21 of six-year-old Arie Johannes Schut of 6929 Venables Road.

In Central Saanich police court yesterday Magistrate A. I. Thomas remanded Adam Reisch, Veyaness Road, to Jan. 13, when a date will be set for the preliminary trial. Some of the witnesses were not present at the court.

Reisch was charged with the offence Dec. 30 and remanded to yesterday, when it was expected the date would be set for the preliminary hearing.

Arie Schut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Schut, was shot through the chest Dec. 21. He died shortly afterwards.

Pet Dog, Cat Guard Body of Mistress

The body of Mrs. Bessie G. Randall, 80, Queens Avenue, Sidney, was found in the kitchen of her home with her pets, a mongrel dog and cat, standing "guard," police reported Tuesday.

RCMP Const. Roger Post forced his way into the house, where Mrs. Randall lived alone, by breaking a window after he had been summoned by public health nurse Mrs. D. C. Fink, who had been attending the elderly woman.

Mrs. Fink called for police after she failed to get an answer when she went to see the elderly patient.

Mrs. Randall was born in Saint John, N.B. She was in Whitehorse during the Klondike gold rush and had lived in Barkerville where her husband, the late George Randall, was government agent.

During the First World War, Mrs. Randall was in the ambulance corps in France.

She moved to Sidney from Salt Spring Island several years ago. Her nearest known relatives are in Ottawa.

New Licence Plates on Sale

New licence plates are now on sale and may be placed on vehicles. There is no urgency yet, but motorists on the highway without them after midnight Feb. 28 are liable for prosecution. Making sure to get their s early are Mrs. Robert Juulsen, 2930 Qu'Appelle, left, and Mrs. Edward Hayward. Motor vehicles branch officials expect registrations this year to reach a new high of, 520,000.—(Colonist photo.)

Bouquet Given Drivers

Greater Victoria drivers handled themselves so well during Monday's snow conditions that Deputy Police Chief Harry Mercer has ruled they all should be classed as courtesy drivers.

"It would be impossible and unfair to pick out any individual," he said. "Each person who gave a helping hand during Monday's hazardous driving conditions was a courtesy driver."

The courtesy driver campaign to promote safe driving is a co-operative effort by police departments of Greater Victoria, Woodward Stores (Victoria) Ltd., Frigidaire Ltd., the Victoria Hockey Club and The Daily Colonist.

The police observe courtesy drivers who are given two free tickets to a home game of the Victoria Cougars and, later, a certificate signed by the chief of police.

An 'Old Master' Is It?

So this is an "old master" muses Bruce Sanson, 13, of 1314 Dallas Road, as he looks over Van Dyck's oil portrait of Charles I. Painting is one of fabulous collection—insured for $500,000—of old masters which began three-week display yesterday at Greater Victoria Art Gallery. Bruce, Central Junior High student, said he and his chums attended show at urging of art teacher.—(Colonist photo.)

Little Chance for Victoria

Big Bale of Cash —Or No Games

Unless some good fairy comes along with a big bundle of cash, Victoria's chances of getting the Pan-American Games are as out of this world as a three-minute mile.

That was the reaction yesterday of one of Canada's outstanding sports figures, Archie McKinnon of Victoria, to the news that the city has been invited to make a bid for the host-city job in 1963.

"I don't know where the money would come from," said Mr. McKinnon, a three-time coach of Canadian Olympic teams and winner of many sports awards.

"It would cost hundreds of thousands," he said, "for the new facilities required.

"A stadium, seating perhaps 60,000, would certainly be needed; so would a new, regulation swimming pool, to say nothing of a special village to house all the competing athletes."

Another puzzler, in addition to where the games are to be held, observed Mr. McKinnon, is the matter of accommodation for the thousands of spectators who would flock to the city.

"Where would we put them?" he asked. "This town has plenty to do every summer just to handle the tourists."

The city was invited yesterday to put in its bid along with all other Canadian cities by the Pan-American Games for Canada committee of the Canadian Olympic Association.

Mayor Percy Scurrah indicated he would inquire immediately into accommodation requirements for the games—which would bring 2,000 contestants, coaches and officials alone to the city.

He also intends to explore the prospects of Victoria being able to fulfill the requirements.

The Pan-American Games will be held this year in Chicago, Aug. 27 to Sept. 7, with most of the nations of North and South America represented.

The host city will have to offer suitable facilities for baseball, basketball, cycling, equestrian sports, fencing, soccer, gymnastics, shooting, cross-country racing, swimming, water polo, tennis, volleyball, wrestling, weight-lifting, archery and yacht-racing.

Mr. McKinnon wanted it made clear that he isn't against the idea of the games coming here.

"Don't get me wrong," he said. "The games would be terrific to have in Victoria, but how could we ever provide the facilities unless some good fairy like the provincial government came across with the cash?"

Saanich Purchase Soon

Big Shop Centre Plans Still Alive

Plans for a multi-million dollar shopping development in Saanich are still in progress, R. G. Bentall, spokesman for Dominion Construction Co., Ltd., said last night.

Company representatives will meet Saanich council before the end of January in an effort to complete purchase of the old municipal yard proprety on Douglas.

NOT YET SIGNED

Mr. Bentall said the development was definitely in the "multi-million class." Final agreement had not yet been signed with a major leesee for the development.

He said agreement had been reached with a number of minor leessees for the proposed 13-acre or more integrated shopping area. He described some of the agreements as "not so small, either," and said they included a food market.

BIGGER STORE?

Description of the food market as a "lesser" part of the overall project raised speculation again that the major development planned is a department store, but this was not confirmed last night.

Reeve George Chatterton said the council would meet with the construction company representatives this month on sale of the municipal property.

PROPERTY BOUGHT

It is known the company has already purchased adjoining property from private buyers.

The recent amalgamation proposal, defeated by Saanich voters, was given as a reason for delay in the project after meetings last fall.

CITY STORE OUT

Reports that the giant Dominion Stores chain of eastern Canada was planning to embark soon on a similar multi-million-dollar shopping centre program, probably in Victoria, itself, were squelched last night by Dominion's vice-president, Gene Carrol.

He said his company had not signed any agreements relative to construction in Victoria.

COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

"We have property in Victoria," he said. "But we are trying to complete organization in Vancouver before considering other B.C. points."

Neighbors Pitch In

Alert neighbors helped minimize water damage at two vacant Victoria homes yesterday, where owners forgot to check for broken water pipes.

City police were called to a vacant home at 732 Kings Road, at 6.30 p.m., where they found several broken pipes, shut off the water at the meter outside and notified the owner.

Saanich police were called to an empty home at 2862 Rockwell last night by neighbors, who said they heard "water running."

They found a broken pipe and notified the owner in time to prevent serious damage.

Swedish Minelayer To Arrive Tomorrow

Swedish minelayer-training ship Alvsnabben, which was threatened by 100-mile-an-hour winds on the California coast, will arrive here on time at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The storm, which caused San Francisco port authorities to refuse to allow some ships to leave, blew itself out and allowed the Alvsnabben to leave Tuesday.

The ship will remain at Esquimalt harbor three days, then leave for Vancouver. During its stay here there will be several receptions for invited guests.

Blood Bank Short Of 250-Pint Target

The Red Cross blood bank yesterday fell short of its 250-pint objective.

Only 135 Victorians donated blood on the first day of the two-day monthly blood clinic at Red Cross House, Mrs. Violet Thistle, secretary of the blood donor panel, said.

"We are hoping for double that tomorrow," she said. "The need is very urgent."

Mrs. Thistle urged that everyone with Rh negative blood give a pint. O negative—which can be given to persons with any type negative blood—is most in demand.

Red Cross House, 1046 Fort, will be open today from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Tomorrow the clinic will move to Victoria College.

Back to Normal

Weather Pulls Quick Change

Victoria's mercurial weather pulled a fast one again yesterday and put the weatherman's nose a bit out of joint but everyone else is quite delighted with the balmy outcome.

Instead of more snow which was predicted for yesterday, Victorians awoke to find the streets wet and reasonably navigable and the white stuff fast disappearing.

The sudden change of pace came as no particular surprise to weatherman William Mackie, who said at the time of the snow forecast that the weather forces presented a "nip and tuck situation, typical of Victoria."

He pointed out that this area is a sort of battleground for the Arctic air masses and the milder Pacific masses.

The bounce back to fairly normal weather brought sighs of relief from street work crews, bus drivers, motorists, January-sale-conscious merchants — practically everyone, in fact.

Slush and puddles of water provided a minor nuisance, particularly in the downtown area. All main streets and most side streets were in good shape by late yesterday with work crews removing snow and clearing drains.

Most put out of all were the young folk whose field day of snowballing and sleighriding was cut short by the rain and milder temperatures.

The mercury will maintain its upbeat, according to the weather office, reaching 40 degrees today and around freezing overnight. Today may also bring rain mixed with snow.

Monday's overnight low of 31 above made Victoria Canada's warmest spot.

Up-Island travel conditions were also returning to normal.

The Malahat was reported clear; some roads were still slippery in the Duncan area, and driving was "fair" in the Nanaimo district.

At 7 p.m. RCMP reported ice had formed on the Thetis overpass and underpass, but highway crews sanded the area before any accidents occurred.

Snowfall Claims Another

Two Victoria deaths have now been attributed to the recent four-inch snowfall here—both of elderly men who collapsed Monday after shovelling snow at their homes.

Dead are Capt Alfred Williams, 76, of 1217 Lyall Street, and George O. Carroll, 70, of 2520 Vancouver Street.

Capt. Williams, a former member of the King's Royal Rifles, served in Africa, India and the First World War.

Mr. Carroll, formerly of Cassidy and Nanaimo, had resided here the past 12 years.

Owner Sought Of Small Boat

City police yesterday were seeking the owner of a 14-foot carvel construction boat found drifting in the Inner Harbor.

The boat was secured by PO Fred Breckon of HMCS Malahat, who reported it to police early yesterday morning.

The boat, painted white with red trim, has no number and no oarlocks.

Diplomat Loaned To Ghana

Kenneth Wardroper, a former Duncan man and son-in-law of Ald. Mrs. Lily Wilson, has been lent by the Canadian government to the Ghana government for six months to help set up a foreign service, Mrs. Wilson learned yesterday.

Mr. Wardroper, who ended a term as Canadian consul in Los Angeles last year, will leave for Ghana at the end of January.